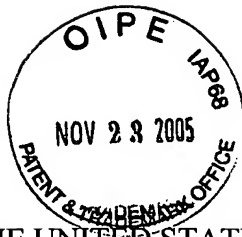


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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

This is a comment on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as found in the Notice of Allowability dated October 18, 2005.

The Examiner's reasons state that the invention is "directed to a method for using data stored in a data storage format ...". It is respectfully stressed that the allowed claims are not directed solely to a method. Rather, the allowed claims are directed to the statutory classes specifically enumerated in the claims themselves.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance further states that the closest prior art fails to anticipate or render obvious certain "underlined limitations". In keeping with the "as a whole" inquiry, it is believed that this is merely shorthand for the correct legal inquiry, and that the Examiner intended to state that the combination as claimed, including the subject matter that had been "underlined", was not anticipated and

would not have been rendered obvious by the art of record. However, if the Examiner intended a different meaning, he is respectfully requested to clarify his meaning on the record.

Even though this paper is being filed after allowance, it cannot properly be said that Applicant has "failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application" (see 35 U.S.C. § 154). Accordingly, Applicant should not be penalized with a reduction in patent term in spite of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10).

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Respectfully submitted,

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